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SUBJECT:PREFERENCE TO NORWEGIAN-ORIGIN EQUIPMENT AND

-- SERVICES FOR OFFSHORE OIL INDUSTRY

REF: OSLO A-117 OF JUNE 25, 1974

1. DURING JULY 8 MEETING AT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN
DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOX AND NORWEGIAN COMMERCE
UNDER SECRETARY STOLTENBERG--WHICH WAS DEVOTED MAINLY TO AN
EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES--THE SUBJECT OF NTB'S OF CURRENT
BILATERAL INTEREST WAS DISCUSSED.

2. THERE WAS BRIEF EXCHANGE ON NEMKO TESTING REGULATIONS
DURING WHICH STOLTENBERG INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT FULLY
AWARE OF REGULATION DETAILS BUT WOULD CHECK ON RETURN TO
OSLO. DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO QUESTION OF PREFERENCES

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FOR NORWEGIAN ORIGIN EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES BY OFFSHORE OIL

INDUSTRY REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS. STOLTENBERG DENIED EXISTENCE OF ANY SUCH REQUIREMENTS OR PRACTICES, OR OF ANY REPORTING SYSTEM BY WHICH INDUSTRY MINISTRY MONITORS FIRMS' PURCHASING ACTIVITIES, SAYING HE WAS IN A POSITION TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY ON THIS. WHEN TOLD THAT THIS DID NOT CORRESPOND WITH OUR INFORMATION

FYI: OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION WAS BASED ON INFO CONTAINED IN REPAIR) HE EMPHASIZED THAT NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES INTENTIONALLY DID NOT INFLUENCE OR OTHERWISE INTERFERE WITH PURCHASING DECISIONS OF THE PRIVATE COMPANIES INVOLVED, AND NOTED THAT NORWEGIAN DOMESTIC INTERESTS HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFULLY PRESSURING FOR NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ADOPTION OF SUCH REQUIREMENTS. ACTION REQUESTED;

THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO VERIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REPAIR. IF PREFERENCES ARE IN FACT BEING ACCORDED TO NORWEGIAN GOODS AND SERVICES, EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON HOW BEST TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH NORWAY WOULD BE WELCOME. WE ARE AWARE THAT INDUSTRY MINISTRY, RATHER THAN COMMERCE, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATING OIL ACTIVITIES, BUT BELIEVE WE SHOULD FOLLOW UP OPENING PROVIDED BY CONVERSATION WITH STOLTENBERG IF PREFERENCES EXIST. INGERSOLL

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